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Mr. Paul W. Rankin The Association of Container Reconditioners Suite 140 8401 Corporate Drive Landover, MD 20785-2224

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated December 30, 1998, requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 173.29(c) to allow the transport of empty intermediate bulk containers without shipping papers and placards.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned petition number P-1370. If you should write or call us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Karim

Senior Transportation Regulations Specialist Office of Hazardous Materials Standards